

Bernadette O'Farrell

Bernadette O'Farrell (30 January 1924 – 26 September 1999) was an Irish actress. She was born in Birr, County Offaly, Irish Free State.^[1] She was married to the film writer, director and producer Frank Launder from 1950 until his death in 1997. They had two daughters together.^[2]

She is best known for playing Maid Marian in the 1950s TV version of The Adventures of Robin Hood. She left the show in 1957, after 78 episodes, to avoid type-casting, and was replaced by Patricia Driscoll.^{[3][4]}

She played an English mistress, Miss Harper, in The Happiest Days of Your Life (1949), Jessie Bond in The Story of Gilbert and Sullivan (1953) and Peg Curtis in the boxing film The Square Ring (1953).^[5] She retired from acting in 1959 to live on a farm in Buckinghamshire, England. Later, O'Farrell and Launder moved to Monaco.^[2] Her last film appearance was in The Wildcats of St. Trinian's (1980).^[5]

Filmography

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1947	<u>Captain Boycott</u>	Mrs. Fagan	
1950	<u>The Happiest Days of Your Life</u>	Miss Harper	
1951	<u>Life in Her Hands</u>	Mary Gordon	
1951	<u>Lady Godiva Rides Again</u>	Janie	
1952	<u>Lady in the Fog</u>	Heather McMara	
1953	<u>The Story of Gilbert and Sullivan</u>	Jessie Bond	
1953	<u>The Genie</u>		
1953	<u>The Square Ring</u>	Peg Curtis	
1959	<u>The Bridal Path</u>	Siona	
1980	<u>The Wildcats of St Trinians</u>	Miss Carfax	(final film role)

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As Maid Marian in The Adventures of Robin Hood

Born	30 January 1924 <u>Birr</u> , <u>County Offaly</u> , <u>Ireland</u>
Died	26 September 1999 (aged 75) <u>Monaco</u>
Occupation	Actor
Years active	1947–1959
Spouse(s)	<u>Frank Launder</u> (1950–1997; his death) 2 children

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